(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Wagons for Sikkim

4174. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests have been received from the Government of Sikkim for allotment of wagons to ensure regular movement of iodised salt from Chirai in Gujarat to the state; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Government of Sikkim had recently asked Salt Commissioner and the Railways to postpone the programme of movement from November to December, 1991 due to heavy stock of iodised salt.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Operation of Vayudoot services

4175. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Vayudoot services in operation at present;

(b) the expenditure incurred on each service during the last three years;

(c) whether the air services operating between Bombay-Delhi via Surat has been restored; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Vayudoot is at present operating to 45 stations shown in Statement below.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) For commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot service on the route Bombay-Surat-Udaipur-Delhi has been discontinued.

STATEMENT

1. Delhi
2. Dehradun
3. Kanpur
4. Lucknow
5. Ludhiana
6. Chandigarh
7. Jodhpur
8. Jaisalmer
9. Kulu
10. Shimla
11. Gaggal
12. Agartala
13. Kailashahar
14. Aizawl
15. Calcutta
16. Cooch-Behar

17. Jorhat
18. Lilabari
19. Silchar
20. Dibrugarh
21. Jamshedpur
22. Shillong
23. Zero
24. Guwahati
25. Hyderbad
26. Rajamundry
27. Tirupati
28. Vijayawada
29. Bangalore
30. Belgaum
31. Coimbatore
32. Madras
33. Cochin
34. Agatti
35. Pondichery
36. Bombay
37. Pune
38. Kolhapur
39. Kandla
40. Porbandar
41. Keshod
42. Rajkot
43. Ahmedabad
44. Baroda
45. Goa

Rail Bridges Across Rivers

4176. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the rivers over which railway bridges are proposed to be constructed in the country;

(b) whether any such bridges are proposed to be constructed in Maharashtra also;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the time by which these bridges are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As a part of new lines, gauge conversions and doubling projects, railway bridges on major rivers are proposed to be constructed over Brahmaputra, Gandak, Mahi, Chambal, Narmada and Godavari. New bridges on major rivers Ganga and Godavari (Andhra Pradesh) are being built on replacement account.

(b) to (d). Godavari bridge (Maharashtra) is being re-girdered as a part of gauge conversion work of Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath. The cost of this regirdering work is estimated at Rs. 1.3 crores approximately.